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COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Conservation and protection of our natural and cultural resources is the duty of every member in our command and one of my highest priorities. As such, we have developed and implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS) that complies with BUMED Policy. Through this system of processes and procedures U.S. Naval Hospital Naples and our outlying branch clinics will:

- Comply with applicable host nation, Federal and local environmental laws and regulations as well as Navy policies on environment and waste management.
- Prevent adverse environmental impacts from our operations by minimizing and controlling processes and pollutant releases that may be harmful to the environment or personnel.
- Minimize or eliminate waste through reduction of waste, recycling, and substitution of less hazardous materials and processes whenever possible.
- Strive to incorporate environmental policies into planning, decision-making, and business practices.
- Seek opportunities for continued improvement of our environmental performance. We will conduct periodic management reviews to assess the achievement of our management system as a process for continual improvement.
- Communicate EMS performance within this command and to Naval Support Activity Naples and continually look for ways to improve our performance.
- Provide the staff with environmental management education in order to achieve our goals and objectives.

This policy reflects my commitment to operating in an environmentally responsible manner and to investing in our future. Best said by Theodore Roosevelt, "Conservation means development as much as it does protection. I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us."

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